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Chris Logan

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Dear Mr. Logan:

I write in support of a proposal from the City of Troy Fire Department (TFD) in Rensselaer County NY, under the FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grants program (AFG).

TFD is seeking federal funding to replace outdated Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators, and Power Lift Cots for patient transport. Current equipment is over 10 years old, and a combination of repair costs and unreliability have placed a severe strain on the TFD EMS operation. With the fragile condition of the City's finances, neither the general fund nor the Fire Department budget can fund such a significant investment.

The City of Troy is an older community, established along the banks of the Hudson River. At the height of the industrial revolution, Troy enjoyed a prosperous economy with a strong tax base. The City's recent history is one of decreasing population, declining tax base, and deteriorating infrastructure. All these factors contribute to the challenging environment facing TFD.

I share your strong commitment to providing the tools and resources necessary to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel. Your full and fair consideration of this request, consistent with current laws, rules, regulations and agency policy, is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Tonko".

PAUL D. TONKO
Member of Congress

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